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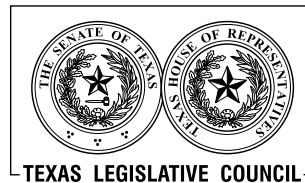


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Foreword

Between 1997 and 2003, the Texas Legislative Council publication *Summary of Enactments* included a table to indicate statutory state agencies, interagency panels, advisory committees, and other state governmental entities that were created, restructured, or eliminated by the legislature. *New, Renamed, and Abolished State Governmental Entities* replaced the table in 2005 with an expanded format that provides more information about the affected entities and their functions and composition. An index at the end of this publication provides an opportunity to search for the entities by subject area.

The **New Entities** section provides information on each of the 36 entities created by the 85th Legislature. Some of these new entities are tied to the abolishment of another entity. In such instances, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

The **Renamed Entities** section provides information on the two entities renamed by the 85th Legislature, including whether an entity's function and composition were unchanged or revised.

The **Abolished Entities** section provides information on each of the 31 entities that were abolished or that were discontinued because the statute creating the entity was repealed by the 85th Legislature. If the function of the entity was transferred to an already existing entity, that is noted. If the function was assigned to a new entity described in the New Entities section, a reference to the corresponding entity is included.

For each entity included in the publication, the following information is provided:

Name—The name of the entity as it appears in the enabling legislation or a descriptive phrase for the entity. If the entity advises or is administratively attached to a state agency, or if a state agency appoints members or provides staff support to the entity, that agency's name appears in parentheses. For an entity that has been renamed, the previous name is indicated. For an abolished entity, if its function is transferred, the entity that assumes that function is also named.

Legislation—The bill and specific bill sections that contain provisions creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity and that may contain other information, such as the function and composition. All bills were enacted during the regular session of the legislature unless otherwise noted.

Effective/Abolished—The date the provision creating, renaming, or abolishing the entity becomes effective. If creation of the entity is authorized instead of mandated, that is noted.

Function—Powers and duties of the entity. For entities that have been renamed, if the function has been revised, a brief explanation of the change is provided. Information about the transfer of the function to another entity is included if applicable.

Composition—Membership information for the entity, including the number of members, appointment criteria, and terms of office. Information about the designation or selection of the presiding officer is included if that information is in the bill. If the composition of a renamed entity has been changed, a brief explanation of the change is provided.

Expiration Date—When applicable, the sunset date or other expiration date included in the legislation creating a new entity or in the enabling statute for a renamed entity. Section 2110.008, Government Code, relating to the duration of advisory bodies, may be applicable to certain entities.

New Entities

Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia (State Board of Dental Examiners)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 313](#), Sections 26 and 51

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function: Analyzes and reports on data and associated trends concerning anesthesia-related deaths or incidents

Composition (6 members total): The State Board of Dental Examiners appoints the following:

- 1 general dentist
- 1 dentist anesthesiologist
- 1 oral and maxillofacial surgeon
- 1 pediatric dentist
- 1 physician anesthesiologist
- 1 periodontist

In appointing members, the board must maintain a balanced representation of general dentists and specialists to ensure the advisory committee has expertise with respect to each permit category. The board develops and implements a process by which a person may apply to be appointed to the advisory committee. The board's presiding officer reviews each application, nominates for appointment persons who meet the necessary requirements, and, subject to board approval, designates one of the nominated members as presiding officer of the advisory committee.

The board also establishes the length of a term of a member of the advisory committee, and the staggering of the terms of the members.

Article V Oversight Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 21](#), Section 1

Effective: June 6, 2017

Function: Determines whether a vote cast by a delegate or alternate delegate at a convention called by the United States Congress under Article V of the United States Constitution is an authorized vote

Composition (10 members total):

- The lieutenant governor, who serves as joint chair of the committee
- The speaker of the house, who serves as joint chair of the committee
- The chair of the senate state affairs committee
- The chair of the house state affairs committee
- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The legislature appoints the committee at the time delegates and alternate delegates are appointed following the calling of an Article V convention.

Behavior Analyst Advisory Board
(Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 589](#), Sections 2 and 3

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration of the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act

Composition (9 members total): The presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation appoints the following members with the approval of the commission:

- 4 licensed behavior analysts, at least one of whom is certified as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst--Doctoral or holds an equivalent certification issued by the certifying entity
- 1 licensed assistant behavior analyst
- 1 physician who has experience providing mental health or behavioral health services
- 3 public members who are either former recipients of applied behavior analysis services or the parent or guardian of a current or former recipient of applied behavior analysis services

To be qualified for appointment, a person must have at least five years of experience as a licensed behavior analyst after being certified by the certifying entity. Appointments to the advisory board are made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee.

Members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year, but may not serve more than two consecutive

six-year terms. The presiding officer of the commission designates a member to serve as the presiding officer of the advisory board for a term of one year.

Commission to Study Non-Criminal Penal Laws

Legislation: [House Bill 351](#), Section 30

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Studies, reviews, and evaluates all state penal laws other than criminal offenses under the Penal Code, under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, or related to the operation of a motor vehicle
- Makes recommendations to the legislature regarding the repeal or amendment of laws that are identified as being unnecessary, unclear, duplicative, overly broad, or otherwise insufficient to serve the intended purpose of the law, including the laws identified by the Commission to Study Non-Criminal Penal Laws created by Section 29, Chapter 1251 ([House Bill 1396](#)), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, as requiring additional review
- Evaluates the recommendations made by the commission
- Not later than November 1, 2018, submits a report on the commission's findings and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice

Composition (9 members total):

- 2 members appointed by the governor
- 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 2 members appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas
- 1 member appointed by the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

The governor designates one member of the commission to serve as the presiding officer. The officials making appointments to the commission must ensure that the membership includes representatives of all areas of the criminal justice system, including prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, legal scholars, and relevant business interests.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018

Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Referenda (State Bar of Texas)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 302](#), Sections 10 and 15

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Regularly reviews the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure
- At least annually issues to the Supreme Court of Texas and the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas a report on the adequacy of the reviewed rules
- Oversees the initial process for proposing a disciplinary rule for the state bar

Composition (9 members total):

- 3 attorneys appointed by the president of the state bar
- 1 nonattorney public member appointed by the president of the state bar
- 4 attorneys appointed by the supreme court
- 1 nonattorney public member appointed by the supreme court

The president of the state bar and the chief justice of the supreme court alternate designating an attorney member of the committee to serve as the presiding officer for a term of one year. Members serve staggered three-year terms, with one-third of the members' terms expiring each year.

Compact Facility Legislative Oversight Committee

Legislation: [House Bill 2662](#), Section 4

Effective: June 15, 2017

Function:

- Assesses the compact facility subject to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact
- Considers and makes recommendations regarding the annual fixed costs incurred by the operator of the compact facility; the party state compact waste disposal fees; the contract review process as carried out by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; the relationship between the state, party state generators, and operator as it relates to the operation of the compact facility; the contingency plan required under

the compact; the need for and effects of fees and surcharges assessed for disposal of waste in the compact facility; the cost of a state-run compact facility and the effect a state-run facility would have on rates and generators in compact states; and any other matters the committee determines are relevant to the compact facility and oversight of the compact facility

- Not later than December 1, 2018, submits a final report of the committee’s assessment to the committees of the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over the disposal of low-level radioactive waste

Composition (at least 8 members):

- The chair of the House Committee on Environmental Regulation, who serves as co-chair
- 1 state representative who represents the county in which the compact facility is located
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
- The chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development, who serves as co-chair
- 1 state senator who represents the county in which the compact facility is located
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- The chair of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission
- 1 person appointed by each nonhost party state as provided by the laws of that state

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018

Dental Review Committee (State Board of Dental Examiners)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 313](#), Sections 33 and 52

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function: Committee members serve, on a rotating basis, as panelists on an informal settlement conference panel in certain license denial and disciplinary proceedings under the Dental Practice Act and make recommendations for the disposition of the complaint or allegation that is the subject of such a proceeding

Composition (9 members total): The governor appoints the following committee members:

- 6 dentist members
- 2 dental hygienist members
- 1 registered dental assistant member

Members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

See also [Informal Settlement Conference Panel](#) in the *New Entities* section.

Electronic Visit Verification System Stakeholder Work Group (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 894](#), Section 2

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function: Provides input to the Health and Human Services Commission regarding the ongoing operation of the electronic visit verification system

Composition (unspecified number of members): Membership includes representatives of the following groups affected by the implementation of the electronic visit verification system:

- Health care providers
- Managed care organizations
- Medicaid recipients

Extracurricular and Cocurricular Student Activity Indicator Advisory Committee

Legislation: [House Bill 22](#), Sections 6 and 9

Effective: June 15, 2017. The commissioner of education is authorized but not required to create the advisory committee.

Function: Assists the commissioner of education in determining the feasibility of incorporating an extracurricular and cocurricular student activity indicator for evaluating public school district and campus performance for accreditation purposes

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Expiration Date: September 1, 2023

Family and Protective Services Council

(Department of Family and Protective Services)

Legislation: [House Bill 5](#), Sections 25 and 29. [Senate Bill 200](#), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, abolished the original Family and Protective Services Council.

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Assists the commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in developing rules and policies for DFPS
- Studies and makes recommendations to the commissioner regarding the management and operation of DFPS, including policies and rules governing the delivery of services to persons who are served by DFPS, the rights and duties of persons who are served or regulated by DFPS, and the consolidation of the provision of administrative support services for the health and human services system

Composition (9 members total): The council consists of public members appointed by the governor. In making appointments, the governor must consider persons who have a demonstrated knowledge of DFPS and the health and human services system in general. Appointments to the council are made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointees. Appointments must be made so that each geographic area of Texas is represented and the ethnic diversity of Texas is reflected.

Members serve staggered six-year terms, with the terms of three members expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The governor designates a council member as the presiding officer and council members elect any other necessary officers.

House Select Committee on Cybersecurity

Legislation: [House Bill 8](#), Section 15

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Studies, separately or jointly with the Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity, cybersecurity in Texas, the information security plans of each state agency, and the risks and vulnerabilities of state agency cybersecurity
- Jointly with the Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity and not later than January 13, 2019, adopts recommendations on state cybersecurity and reports any findings and adopted recommendations to the legislature

Composition (5 members total): The speaker of the house appoints five state representatives as members, one of whom is designated as chair. In joint meetings with the Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity, the chairs of each committee act as joint chairs.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2019

See also [Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity](#) in the *New Entities* section.

Informal Settlement Conference Panel (State Board of Dental Examiners)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 313](#), Sections 32 and 33

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Makes recommendations for the disposition of complaints or allegations at an informal settlement conference for certain license denial and disciplinary proceedings under the Dental Practice Act
- Recommends actions and terms to the State Board of Dental Examiners for an informal settlement of such a case

Composition (at least 2 members): The State Board of Dental Examiners appoints at least two panelists, at least one of whom is a dentist, from the board and the Dental Review Committee.

See also [Dental Review Committee](#) in the *New Entities* section.

Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Formula Funding

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1](#) (General Appropriations Act), p. III-274

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Reviews the purpose, goal, and effectiveness of all higher education non-formula support items in Article III, General Appropriations Act
- Prepares recommendations for realignment or possible elimination of non-formula support items or both and for improvements of formula funding for institutions of higher education
- Not later than April 15, 2018, reports its recommendations to the presiding officers of both legislative chambers

Composition (10 members total): The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house each appoint five members and each designate a presiding co-chair.

Joint Interim Committee on Prescribing and Dispensing Controlled Substances

Legislation: [House Bill 2561](#), Section 22

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Conducts an interim study concerning the monitoring of the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances in Texas that:
 - includes the number of prescribers and dispensers registered to receive certain prescription information electronically
 - evaluates the accessing of that information by regulatory agencies to monitor persons issued a license, certification, or registration by those agencies
 - addresses any complaints, technical difficulties, or other issues with electronically accessing and receiving the information
 - examines controlled substance prescribing and dispensing trends that may be affected by the passage and implementation of House Bill 2561
 - evaluates the use and effectiveness of certain electronic notifications sent to prescribers and dispensers
 - evaluates the use and effectiveness of identifying geographic anomalies in comparing delivery and dispensing data
 - evaluates the integration of any new data elements required to be reported under House Bill 2561
 - evaluates the existence and scope of diversion of controlled substances by animal owners to whom the substances are dispensed by veterinarians
 - explores the best methods for preventing the diversion of controlled substances by animal owners
 - determines how any future reporting by dispensing veterinarians might best be tailored to fit the practice of veterinary medicine
- Solicits feedback from regulatory agencies, prescribers, dispensers, and patients affected by the passage of House Bill 2561
- Not later than January 1, 2019, submits a report to the legislature on the results of the interim study, including any legislative recommendations for improvements to information access and controlled substance prescription monitoring

Composition (6 members total):

- 3 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 3 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house each designate a co-chair.

Expiration Date: January 2, 2019

Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System

Legislation: [House Bill 2252](#), Section 1. [House Bill 3459](#), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, initially created an interim committee to study this issue.

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Continues to study the feasibility and desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system in Texas that includes a series of gates and barriers to prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports, industry, or property
- Not later than December 1, 2018, reports to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study and any recommendations developed by the committee

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- The members of the standing committee of the senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources
- The members of the standing committee of the house of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and resource management
- 2 state senators appointed by the lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico
- 2 state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, each of whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico

The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house jointly designate a chair or, alternatively, designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

Expiration Date: January 7, 2019

See also [Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System](#) in the Abolished Entities section.

Local Accountability Plan Review Panel

Legislation: [House Bill 22](#), Section 14

Effective: June 15, 2017

Function: Reviews the local accountability plan submitted by a public school district or an open-enrollment charter school to the Texas Education Agency, if applicable, for purposes of the district or school obtaining approval to assign campus performance ratings

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of education appoints members to the panel, which must include a majority of members who are superintendents or members of the board of trustees or governing body of public school districts or open-enrollment charter schools with approved local accountability plans.

Massage Therapy Advisory Board (Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [House Bill 4007](#), Sections 6.001, 6.005, and 6.011

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function: Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration of state law regulating massage therapy

Composition (9 members total): The presiding officer of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation appoints the following members with commission approval:

- 2 members who are licensed massage therapists
- 2 members who represent licensed massage schools
- 2 members who represent licensed massage establishments
- 1 member who is a peace officer with expertise in the enforcement of state law relating to human trafficking and prostitution
- 2 public members

Appointments are made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the appointee. Members are appointed for staggered six-year terms with the terms of three members expiring September 1 of each odd-numbered year. The presiding officer of the commission designates a member of the advisory board to serve as the presiding officer for a term of one year.

Mental Health Condition and Substance Use Disorder Parity Work Group (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 10](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Studies and makes recommendations on:
 - increasing compliance with state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes concerning the availability of, and terms and conditions of, benefits for mental health conditions and substance use disorders
 - strengthening enforcement and oversight of these laws at state and federal agencies
 - improving the complaint processes relating to potential violations of these laws for consumers and providers
 - ensuring the Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Department of Insurance can accept information on concerns relating to these laws and investigate potential violations based on de-identified information and data submitted to providers in addition to individual complaints
 - increasing public and provider education on these laws
- Develops a strategic plan with metrics to serve as a roadmap to increase compliance with the applicable rules, regulations, and statutes in Texas and to increase education and outreach relating to these laws
- Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, submits a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the appropriate state agencies on the work group's findings, recommendations, and strategic plan

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- 1 representative of each of the following:
 - Medicaid and the child health plan program
 - the office of mental health coordination, Health and Human Services Commission
 - the Texas Department of Insurance
 - a Medicaid managed care organization

- a commercial health benefit plan
- a mental health provider organization
- physicians
- hospitals
- children’s mental health providers
- utilization review agents
- independent review organizations
- 1 substance use disorder provider or 1 professional with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder expertise
- 1 mental health consumer
- 1 mental health consumer advocate
- 1 substance use disorder treatment consumer
- 1 substance use disorder treatment consumer advocate
- 1 family member of a mental health or substance use disorder treatment consumer
- The ombudsman for behavioral health access to care

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Pediatric Tele-Connectivity Resource Program Work Group (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 1697](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2017. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is authorized but not required to create the work group.

Function:

- Assists HHSC with developing, implementing, or evaluating the pediatric tele-connectivity resource program for rural Texas
- Prepares a report on the results and outcomes of the grants awarded under the program

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Peer Specialist Stakeholder Work Group (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 1486](#), Sections 1 and 3

Effective: June 15, 2017, if a specific appropriation for the implementation of House Bill 1486 is provided in a general appropriations act of the 85th Legislature

Function: Provides input for the adoption of certain rules by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission relating to peer specialists and the provision of peer services

Composition (unspecified number of members): The executive commissioner appoints the following stakeholders to the work group:

- 1 representative of each organization that certifies mental health and substance use peer specialists in Texas
- 3 representatives of organizations that employ mental health and substance use peer specialists
- 1 mental health peer specialist who works in an urban area
- 1 mental health peer specialist who works in a rural area
- 1 substance use peer specialist who works in an urban area
- 1 substance use peer specialist who works in a rural area
- 1 person who trains mental health peer specialists
- 1 person who trains substance use peer specialists
- 3 representatives of mental health and addiction licensed health care professional groups who supervise mental health and substance use peer specialists
- To the extent possible, not more than 3 persons with personal experience recovering from mental illness, substance use conditions, or co-occurring mental illness and substance use conditions
- Any other persons considered appropriate by the executive commissioner

The executive commissioner appoints one member of the work group to serve as presiding officer.

Expiration Date: The work group is automatically abolished on the adoption of the rules relating to peer specialists and the provision of peer services.

Podiatric Medical Examiners Advisory Board

Legislation: [House Bill 3078](#), Sections 2-14 and 64-65. The new entity is established in Subchapter B, Chapter 202, Occupations Code, which contains revised language relating to the Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, which was abolished by House Bill 3078.

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration of state law regulating podiatrists
- Proposes rules relating to the scope of practice of, a health-related standard of care for, or the ethical practice of the profession of podiatry

Composition (9 members total): The governor appoints the following members:

- 6 members who are licensed in Texas to practice podiatry and have been actively engaged in the practice of podiatry for the five years preceding appointment
- 3 public members

Advisory board members serve staggered six-year terms, with the term of three members expiring on February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The governor appoints one advisory board member to serve as presiding officer.

See also [Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners](#) in the Abolished Entities section.

Postsecondary Educational Institution Advisory Committee for Electronic Reporting of Certain Incidents

Legislation: [Senate Bill 968](#), Section 2

Effective: June 12, 2017

Function: Not later than December 1, 2017, recommends to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules necessary for the administration of an electronic reporting option for an allegation of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking committed against or witnessed by a student or employee of a postsecondary educational institution

Composition (9 members total): The commissioner of higher education appoints members to the advisory committee, each of whom must be a chief executive officer of a postsecondary educational institution or a representative designated by that officer.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2018

Postsecondary Educational Institution Advisory Committee for Students Reporting Certain Incidents

Legislation: [Senate Bill 969](#), Section 1

Effective: June 12, 2017

Function: Not later than December 1, 2017, recommends to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules necessary for the implementation and enforcement of provisions of Senate Bill 969 relating to disciplinary amnesty for a student enrolled at a postsecondary educational institution who reports an incident of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking

Composition (9 members total): The commissioner of higher education appoints members to the advisory committee, each of whom must be a chief executive officer of a postsecondary educational institution or a representative designated by that officer.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2018

Prevention Task Force (Department of Family and Protective Services)

Legislation: [House Bill 1549](#), Sections 18 and 19

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Makes recommendations to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for changes to law, policy, and practices regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect, the implementation of the changes in law made by House Bill 1549, and the implementation of the DFPS five-year strategic plan for prevention and early intervention services
- Not later than August 31, 2018, submits to the commissioner of DFPS a report that includes a description of the task force's activities, findings, and recommendations

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of DFPS determines the number of members on the task force and appoints members to the task force, which may include the following:

- A chair of a child fatality review team committee
- A pediatrician
- A judge
- Representatives of relevant state agencies

- Prosecutors who specialize in child abuse and neglect
- Medical examiners
- Representatives of service providers to DFPS
- Policy experts in child abuse and neglect prevention, community advocacy, or related fields

The commissioner of DFPS selects the chair.

Expiration Date: August 31, 2019

P-TECH Advisory Council

Legislation: [Senate Bill 22](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function: Provides recommendations to the commissioner of education regarding the establishment and administration of the pathways in technology early college high school (P-TECH) program and the criteria for a campus's designation as a P-TECH school

Composition (12 members total):

- 3 members representing public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools appointed as follows:
 - 1 member appointed by the governor
 - 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
 - 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 3 members representing institutions of higher education appointed as follows:
 - 1 member appointed by the governor
 - 1 member appointed by the lieutenant governor
 - 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house
- 6 members representing industry or business partners that participate or seek to participate in the P-TECH program appointed as follows:
 - 2 members appointed by the governor
 - 2 members appointed by the lieutenant governor
 - 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house

Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity

Legislation: [House Bill 8](#), Section 15

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Studies, separately or jointly with the House Select Committee on Cybersecurity, cybersecurity in Texas, the information security plans of each state agency, and the risks and vulnerabilities of state agency cybersecurity
- Jointly with the House Select Committee on Cybersecurity and not later than January 13, 2019, adopts recommendations on state cybersecurity and reports any findings and adopted recommendations to the legislature

Composition (5 members total): The lieutenant governor appoints five state senators as members, one of whom is designated as chair. In joint meetings with the House Select Committee on Cybersecurity, the chairs of each committee act as joint chairs.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2019

See also [House Select Committee on Cybersecurity](#) in the New Entities section.

Stakeholder Panel on Autism Grant Program

Legislation: [House Bill 21](#), Acts of the 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2017, Section 3

Effective: November 14, 2017

Function: Provides assistance in the selection of applications for the award of grants to public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools that provide innovative services to students with autism

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of education creates the external panel of stakeholders, which must include parents of students with disabilities.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Stakeholder Panel on Dyslexia Grant Program

Legislation: [House Bill 21](#), Acts of the 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2017, Section 3

Effective: November 14, 2017

Function: Provides assistance in the selection of applications for the award of grants to public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools that provide innovative services to students with dyslexia

Composition (unspecified number of members): The commissioner of education creates the external panel of stakeholders, which must include parents of students with disabilities.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2021

Task Force of Border Health Officials (Department of State Health Services)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1680](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Advises the commissioner of state health services on the following:
 - policy priorities addressing major issues affecting the health and health conditions of residents in the border region, which consists of the counties immediately adjacent to the international boundary between the United States and Mexico
 - raising public awareness of those issues
 - other health issues impacting the border region, as determined by the commissioner
- Studies and makes recommendations relating to the health problems, conditions, challenges, and needs of the population in the border region
- Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, submits a report of recommendations to the commissioner for the short-term and long-term border health improvement plans required by Senate Bill 1680

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- The local health department directors from each county in the border region
- The local health department directors from each municipality in the border region that has a sister city in Mexico

- 1 ex officio nonvoting member who is a member of the legislature appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 ex officio nonvoting member who is a member of the legislature appointed by the speaker of the house
- Additional members appointed by the commissioner of state health services

The commissioner designates a chair and vice chair from among the task force members. The members appointed by the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house serve three-year terms.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2029, unless continued in existence as provided by the Texas Sunset Act

Task Force on Academic Credit and Industry Recognition

Legislation: [House Bill 553](#), Sections 1 and 2

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Conducts an ongoing comprehensive review of the work or other productive activities in which persons confined or imprisoned in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) engage
- Identifies opportunities for the award of high school credit, college credit, or joint high school and college credit, or the award of an industry-recognized credential or certificate, for engaging in that work or activity
- Not later than September 1, 2021, submits to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the standing committees of the legislature having jurisdiction over TDCJ a report that summarizes the task force's review and the Windham School District's actions with regard to obtaining the award of the applicable academic credit or industry recognition for the type of work or productive activity identified by the task force

Composition (10 members total):

- 2 representatives of TDCJ, designated by the executive director of TDCJ
- 1 representative of the Windham School District, designated by the district superintendent
- 1 representative of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, designated by the commissioner of higher education
- 1 representative of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), designated by the executive director of the TWC

- 1 representative of a private vendor operating a correctional facility under a contract with TDCJ, appointed by the governor
- 3 representatives of public junior colleges, appointed by the governor, including:
 - at least 1 representative of a public junior college that provides education services to persons confined or imprisoned in TDCJ
 - at least 1 representative of a public junior college that does not provide education services to persons confined or imprisoned in TDCJ
- 1 representative of a faith-based organization, appointed by the governor

The governor designates a task force member to serve as presiding officer.

Expiration Date: December 1, 2021

Texas Child Support Enforcement System 2.0 Executive Steering Committee (Office of the Attorney General)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1](#) (General Appropriations Act), pp. I-10-11

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Provides executive-level strategic direction and commitment to the Texas Child Support Enforcement System 2.0 capital project
- Reports to the Legislative Budget Board any anticipated cost overruns and project delays above the amounts identified in the General Appropriations Act

Composition (unspecified number of members): Membership includes executive level representatives, including the following:

- The attorney general or the attorney general’s designee, who serves as committee chair
- Chief Financial Officer
- Information Resource Manager
- Technology sponsors
- Project managers
- Project contractors
- Independent verification and validation members
- Members of the Quality Assurance Team or their designee

Texas Commission on Public School Finance (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [House Bill 21](#), Acts of the 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2017, Section 7

Effective: November 14, 2017

Function:

- Develops and makes recommendations for improvements to the current public school finance system or for new methods of financing public schools
- Develops recommendations to address related issues, including the following:
 - the purpose of the public school finance system and the relationship between state and local funding in that system
 - the appropriate levels of local maintenance and operations and interest and sinking fund tax effort necessary to implement a public school finance system that complies with the requirements under the Texas Constitution
 - policy changes to the public school finance system necessary to adjust for student demographics and the geographic diversity in Texas
- Not later than December 31, 2018, prepares and delivers to the governor and the legislature a report that recommends statutory changes to improve the public school finance system, including any adjustments to funding to account for student demographics

Composition (13 members total):

- 4 members who have an interest in public education appointed by the governor, including at least the following:
 - 1 current or retired classroom teacher with at least 10 years of teaching experience
 - 1 member of the business community
 - 1 member of the civic community
- 4 members appointed by the lieutenant governor, consisting of the following:
 - 3 state senators
 - 1 administrator in the public school system or an elected member of the board of trustees of a school district
- 4 members appointed by the speaker of the house, consisting of the following:
 - 3 state representatives

- 1 administrator in the public school system or an elected member of the board of trustees of a school district
- 1 member of the State Board of Education (SBOE), designated by the SBOE chair

In making appointments, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house must coordinate to ensure that the membership of the commission reflects, to the extent possible, the ethnic and geographic diversity of Texas. The governor designates the presiding officer of the commission.

Expiration Date: January 8, 2019

Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership Executive Steering Committee (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1](#) (General Appropriations Act), p. II-95

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Provides executive-level strategic direction and commitment to the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership contract and the Texas Medicaid Management Information System capital project
- Reports to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) any anticipated contract or project cost overruns or delays

Composition (unspecified number of members): Membership includes executive level representatives, including the following:

- The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission or the executive commissioner’s designee, who serves as committee chair
- Chief Financial Officer
- Information Resource Manager
- Technology sponsors
- Project managers
- Project contractors
- LBB staff
- Members of the Quality Assurance Team or their designee

Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony Committee

Legislation: [House Bill 3647](#), Sections 2 and 7

Effective: June 15, 2017

Function: Plans, oversees, and facilitates annual memorial ceremonies to recognize and honor Texas peace officers who were killed in the line of duty

Composition (unspecified number of members):

- A president, or the president's designee, of any law enforcement organization that provides full service legal and political representation to law enforcement officers in Texas, has at least 10,000 members paying dues, has complied with certain filing requirements, and has an elected board of directors
- A surviving spouse of a peace officer killed in the line of duty selected by the Texas chapters of the Concerns of Police Survivors
- The following nonvoting members or their designees:
 - the governor
 - the lieutenant governor
 - the speaker of the house
 - the attorney general
 - the director of the Department of Public Safety
 - the executive director of the State Preservation Board
 - the executive director of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

TexNet Technical Advisory Committee (The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology)

Legislation: [House Bill 2819](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Develops recommendations in coordination with The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology for a program of work to assist the TexNet seismic monitoring program and any research efforts affiliated with the program in accomplishing the program's goals

- Reviews and approves or rejects expenditures made in connection with the program
- Prepares and approves an annual budget for the use of any program funds appropriated by the legislature
- Provides oversight and input on the acquisition, deployment, and operation of new and existing program equipment
- Ensures the monthly transmission of the data collected by the program's seismic equipment to the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology database
- Solicits from The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology quarterly updates regarding the program's progress, expenditures made in connection with the program, and any other program-related information that the advisory committee finds necessary
- Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, prepares and submits to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house a report that includes a review of the use of any program funds appropriated by the legislature, a complete listing and accounting of all research funded through the program, and recommendations related to the ongoing operations and requirements of the program

Composition (9 members total): The governor appoints advisory committee members, including the following:

- 1 representative of the Railroad Commission of Texas who specializes in seismology, geomechanical engineering, reservoir engineering, or another related field, recommended by the executive director of the railroad commission
- At least 3 representatives from the oil and gas industry, not including the appointed railroad commission representative

The governor designates an advisory committee member as the chair. The director of The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Expiration Date: September 1, 2019

Work Group on Mental Health Access for First Responders (Health and Human Services Commission)

Legislation: [House Bill 1794](#), Section 1

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function:

- Develops and makes recommendations to improve access to mental health care services for first responders that address the following issues:

- the difference in access to mental health care services between volunteer fire departments and small law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services providers; and the difference in access to mental health care services between large law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services providers
- potential solutions for state and local governments to provide greater access to mental health care services for first responders
- the sufficiency of first responder organizations' employee health insurance plans for obtaining access to mental health care services for first responders
- the sufficiency of first responder organizations' human resources policies
- the effectiveness of workers' compensation and other benefit claims for first responders
- the feasibility of mental health training during the licensing or certification and renewal process for first responders
- the effectiveness of methods for assessing a first responder's mental health care needs after a critical incident
- the opportunities for public-private partnerships to provide mental health care services to first responders
- possible Texas-specific barriers, including stigmas, for first responders seeking mental health care services
- Develops a written report of its recommendations and, not later than January 1, 2019, electronically delivers the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and all members of the legislature

Composition (15 members total):

- 1 member from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) with expertise in the field of mental health care, who serves as the presiding officer of the work group
- The dean of the Sam Houston State University College of Criminal Justice or the dean's designee
- 3 practicing mental health professionals
- 1 representative of volunteer fire departments
- 1 representative of paid fire departments, appointed from a list provided by a statewide association of paid firefighters
- 2 representatives of paid police departments, appointed from a list provided by a statewide association of police officers

- 1 representative of a sheriff's department
- 2 representatives of emergency medical services providers and personnel licensed under the Emergency Health Care Act, one of whom must be a representative of a fire department that provides emergency medical services and must be appointed from a list provided by a statewide association of paid firefighters
- 1 municipal government representative
- 1 county government representative
- 1 representative of the Texas Department of Insurance

Unless otherwise provided, the executive commissioner of HHSC appoints members to the work group.

Expiration Date: June 1, 2019

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Renamed Entities

Cybersecurity Council (Department of Information Resources)

Previous Name: Private Industry-Government Council

Legislation: [House Bill 8](#), Section 9

Effective: September 1, 2017

Function (revised): Revised to include the following:

- Considering the costs and benefits of establishing a computer emergency readiness team to address cyber attacks occurring in Texas during routine and emergency situations
- Establishing criteria and priorities for addressing cybersecurity threats to critical state installations
- Consolidating and synthesizing best practices to assist state agencies in understanding and implementing cybersecurity measures that are most beneficial to the state
- Assessing the knowledge, skills, and capabilities of the existing information technology and cybersecurity workforce to mitigate and respond to cyber threats and develop recommendations for addressing immediate workforce deficiencies and ensuring a long-term pool of qualified applicants
- Providing recommendations to the legislature on any legislation necessary to implement cybersecurity best practices and remediation strategies

Composition (revised—at least 5 members): Revised to include the following:

- The state cybersecurity coordinator, who leads the council
- 1 employee of the office of the governor
- 1 state senator appointed by the lieutenant governor
- 1 state representative appointed by the speaker of the house
- Additional members appointed by the state cybersecurity coordinator, including representatives of institutions of higher education and private sector leaders

In appointing representatives from institutions of higher education, the state cybersecurity coordinator must consider appointing members of the Information Technology Council for Higher Education.

Towing and Storage Advisory Board

(Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Previous Name: Towing, Storage, and Booting Advisory Board

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1501](#), Sections 2, 6, 8, and 22; [Senate Bill 2065](#), Sections 14.001, 14.002, 14.004, and 14.013

Effective: June 15, 2017

Function (unchanged):

- Provides advice and recommendations to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on technical matters relevant to the administration and enforcement of the Texas Towing and Booting Act
- Advises the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation in adopting vehicle storage rules under the Vehicle Storage Facility Act

Composition (revised—9 members total): Revised to decrease membership from ten to nine, consisting of the following:

- 1 representative of a towing company operating in a county with a population of less than one million
- 1 representative of a towing company operating in a county with a population of one million or more
- 1 representative of a vehicle storage facility located in a county with a population of less than one million
- 1 representative of a vehicle storage facility located in a county with a population of one million or more
- 1 parking facility representative
- 1 peace officer from a county with a population of less than one million
- 1 peace officer from a county with a population of one million or more
- 1 representative of a member insurer of the Texas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association who writes automobile insurance in Texas
- 1 person who operates both a towing company and a vehicle storage facility

Abolished Entities

Advisory Board of Economic Development Stakeholders (Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 7

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Collected and disseminated information on federal, state, local, and private community economic development programs, including loans, grants, and other funding sources

Composition: 7 members total

Advisory Oversight Community Outreach Committee (Public Safety Commission)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 2; [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 12

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Documented trade-related incidents involving Department of Public Safety (DPS) personnel to the Public Safety Commission; developed recommendations and strategies to improve community relations, DPS personnel conduct, and the truck inspection process at Texas' ports of entry; and acted as ombudsman between DPS and the communities located and residents residing in the area of the border of Texas and the United Mexican States and between DPS and DPS personnel

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Agriculture and Wildlife Research and Management Advisory Committee (Texas Agricultural Experiment Station)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 1

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Assisted the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in conducting agriculture and wildlife research; encouraged communication with states interested in agriculture, wildlife,

and water issues; and established a plan for more efficient management of water resources related to wildlife habitats and agriculture production in the Gulf Coast Region

Composition: 13 members total

Agriculture Policy Board

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 11

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advocated and recommended strategies concerning agriculture to enhance agriculture production, income, and employment, to benefit consumers, and to promote efficient and sustainable use of natural resources

Composition: 9 members total

Agriculture Policy Board Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 11

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Assisted the Agriculture Policy Board in carrying out the board's official duties

Composition: 15 members total

Alternative Fuels Council

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 9

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Coordinated the alternative fuels program and the fuels conversion loan program. Functions relating to the evaluation of an application for assistance with alternative fuel projects are transferred to the comptroller of public accounts.

Composition: 6 members total

Border Security Council (Office of the Governor)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 4

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised the office of the governor regarding the office's allocation of funds for purposes related to security at or near Texas' international border and regarding methods for ensuring the proper use of such funds

Composition: Unspecified number of members

College Opportunity Act Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 5

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Authorized financial incentives for college savings bond holders to encourage student enrollment at postsecondary educational institutions and recommended certain bonds for designation as college savings bonds

Composition: 9 members total

Communities in Schools Advisory Committee (Texas Education Agency)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 11

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised and provided guidance to programs operated under the auspices of Communities in Schools

Composition: 9 members total

Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee (State Board of Dental Examiners)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 313](#). The entity is abolished in Section 48 of the bill by the repeal of Subchapter B, Chapter 262, Occupations Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised the State Board of Dental Examiners on matters relating to dental hygiene

Composition: 6 members total

Dental Laboratory Certification Council (State Board of Dental Examiners)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 313](#). The entity is abolished in Section 48 of the bill by the repeal of Subchapter B, Chapter 266, Occupations Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Reviewed each application for registration or renewal of registration to operate or offer to operate a dental laboratory or offer to provide dental laboratory services to determine if the applicant met the applicable requirements

Composition: 3 members total

Fire Ant Research Management Account Advisory Committee (Texas Agricultural Experiment Station)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 9

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised, assisted, and directed the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in conducting fire ant research, encouraged communication with other states infested with fire ants, established a framework for more efficient management of fire ant infestation problems, and oversaw the fire ant basic research program

Composition: 11 members total

Independent Review Organization Advisory Group (Texas Department of Insurance)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 7; [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 16

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised the Texas Department of Insurance and made recommendations related to the efficiency of independent review

Composition: At least 7 members

Information Resources Steering Committee (Office of the Attorney General)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 5

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Oversaw information resource project development for the office of the attorney general concerning its role as the state Title IV-D agency, made strategic prioritization recommendations, facilitated development of accurate information for the director of the agency, and performed other functions as determined by the director of the agency

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System

Legislation: [House Bill 2252](#), Section 2

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Continued to study the feasibility and desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system in Texas that includes a series of gates and barriers to prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports, industry, or property. The interim committee is recreated as a new entity by House Bill 2252.

Composition: Unspecified number of members

See also [Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System](#) in the New Entities section.

Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee (Railroad Commission of Texas)

Legislation: [House Bill 1818](#). The entity is abolished in Section 10 of the bill by the repeal of Section 91.1135, Natural Resources Code.

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Received information relating to the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund, reviewed recommendations for legislation proposed by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and monitored the effectiveness of the fund

Composition: 10 members total

Premarital Education Handbook Advisory Committee (Office of the Attorney General)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 6; [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 15

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Assisted in the development of the premarital education handbook

Composition: 9 members total

Qualified Agricultural Land Property Tax Valuation Manuals Approval Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 10

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Reviewed rules developed by the comptroller of public accounts relating to the appraisal of qualified agricultural land. Function is transferred to the comptroller with the review and counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Composition: 5 members total

Qualified Timber Land Property Tax Valuation Manuals Approval Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 10

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Reviewed rules developed by the comptroller of public accounts relating to the appraisal of qualified timber land. Function is transferred to the comptroller with the review and counsel of the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Composition: 5 members total

Rain Harvesting and Water Recycling Task Force

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 3; [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 13

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Developed design recommendations to encourage rain harvesting and water recycling by state agencies using appropriated money to finance a capital expenditure for a state facility purpose

Composition: Unspecified number of members

Residential Mortgage Fraud Task Force (Office of the Attorney General)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 1

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Formed a strategic partnership between state, federal, and local law enforcement agencies to better enable law enforcement and state agencies to take a proactive stance toward tracking and prosecuting mortgage fraud and the perpetrators of mortgage fraud statewide

Composition: 9 members total

State Cogeneration Council

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 4; [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 14

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised state agencies on issues related to cogeneration and approved or disapproved applications for state agency cogeneration facilities

Composition: 6 members total

State Council on Competitive Government

Legislation: [Senate Bill 706](#), Sections 7-9

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Studied commercially available services performed by state agencies to determine if they may be better provided by selecting the service providers through competition and required a state agency providing such a service to engage in any process developed by the council to select a service provider through competition. Function is transferred to the comptroller of public accounts.

Composition: 7 members total

State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day Medal Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 2

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Reviewed and approved recommendations for the award of the State of Texas Remembrance Day Medal

Composition: 7 members total

Statewide Procurement Advisory Council (Comptroller of Public Accounts)

Legislation: [House Bill 1116](#), Sections 1 and 2

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised the chief clerk of the comptroller of public accounts in each meeting in which the chief clerk awarded certain contracts

Composition: 4 members total

Texas Bioenergy Policy Council (Department of Agriculture)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 3

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Conducted studies and performed certain other advisory duties regarding the development of bioenergy resources in Texas

Composition: 18 members total

Texas Bioenergy Research Committee (Department of Agriculture)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 3

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Studied certain technical issues relating to the development of bioenergy resources in Texas

Composition: 16 members total

Texas Distinguished Service Awards Committee

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 6

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Considered and approved or rejected recommendations for the award of the Texas Distinguished Service Medal

Composition: 5 members total

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Advisory Board (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 8

Abolished: On the date certain programs established under the Texas emissions reduction plan and the funding for those programs are continued in effect

Function: Reviewed the Texas emissions reduction plan and recommended any necessary changes to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Function is transferred to TCEQ.

Composition: 22 members total

Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

Legislation: [House Bill 3078](#), Section 64

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Regulated the practice of podiatry. Function is transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, as applicable.

Composition: 9 members total

See also [Podiatric Medical Examiners Advisory Board](#) in the New Entities section.

Vehicle Protection Product Warrantor Advisory Board

(Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation)

Legislation: [Senate Bill 526](#), Section 8; [Senate Bill 1731](#), Section 17; [Senate Bill 2065](#), Section 1.006

Abolished: September 1, 2017

Function: Advised the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation on adopting rules, enforcing and administering the Vehicle Protection Product Regulatory Act, and setting fees

Composition: 6 members total

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